



PRIORITIES + STRATEGIES

Monday, 25 August 2014 AZ Community Church





# CHARACTER AREAS













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#### DESIGN + PLACEMAKING

Hubs, Open Spaces, Wayfinding, Art+ Architecture



#### NEIGHBORHOOD **HEALTH + WELLBEING**

Housing Conditions, Stability, Parks, Civic Engagement, Aging in Place

#### **ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT

Education, Jobs. Business Growth, Tourism



#### SUSTAINABILITY

Air, Water, Shade, Property Values, etc.

#### CHARACTER AREA RESEARCH

#### REDEVELOPMENT/ REVITALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adaptive Reuse, Infill, Repurpose



#### TRANSPORTATION

Walkability, Bikeability, Streetscapes, Connectivity



# AREAS OF **RESEARCH**





\* INCLUDES PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITY / EVENT

# PLANNING PROCESS TIMELINE



# WHAT ARE CHARACTER AREAS?

Character Areas are areas of the community that have achieved distinctive, recognizable, character that is different from neighboring areas. These differences may be the result of:

TOPOGRAPHY PAPAG

PAPAGO BUTTES DOUBLE BUTTE HAYDEN BUTTE

AGE + STYLE OF HOUSING

HISTORIC DISTRICTS LOFTS STUDENT HOUSING SENIOR HOUSING POST-WAR

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

BUILDINGS STRUCTURES INFRASTRUCTURE ROADS BRIDGES UTILITIES

RETAIL, RESTAURANT, RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES

CHANGING HANDS BOOKSTORE OREGANO'S MARKETPLACE

LAND USE PATTERNS

INDUSTRIAL PARKS RESEARCH PARKS RETAIL CENTERS

LANDSCAPE TREATMENTS

ARID DESERT LAKE DEVELOPMENTS GRASSY KNOLLS MEDIANS

STREET / TRANSPORTATION PATTERNS

LIGHT RAIL / STATION AREAS BIKE LANES BUS STOPS / SHELTERS

OPEN SPACES

REGIONAL PARKS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS CORPORATE PARKS TRAILS CANALS

STREETSCAPES

STREET TREES SHADE MEDIANS NEWSRACKS SIDEWALK FURNITURE

















# WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- Distinguishing the Tempe Community
- Guidance for Design Review Commission
- Road Map for Character Area
- Opportunity for residents, workers,
   students + businesses to
   define / preserve / enhance / celebrate
   their qualities



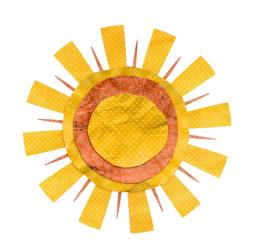
# AREA UPDATES

## MANAGING GROWTH

Innovation District

## PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

- Marketing / Economic Development for distressed centers
- Transportation Master Plan update [see boards]
- Orbit Saturn Circulator Study
- Greenwaste Pickup
- Tree and Shade Study







# OUR **CHARACTER AREA** IS . . .

#### **Friendly**

neighbor, family, age, retirement / senior, tech-business, outdoor and equestrian-friendly

### Livable

restaurants, good shopping, balanced with young families, schools and great parks, affordable

#### Sustainable

environmentally responsible, solar-powered, shaded, leafy, green

#### Social

social-center, community gathering places, inclusive, engaging, historic

#### **Limited Density**

low density, open, suburban-ruralfeel, diverse housing, large lots, pristine, casual

#### **Energetic**

vibrant populace, recreation-oriented, actively engaged by ASU

#### **Accessible**

multi-modal, connected, convenient, equestrian, bus-pullouts

#### Walkable/Bikeable

walk-friendly, bike-friendly

#### Community

gathering places, HOA-free

#### Refined

Neighborhood beauty, designfocused, attractive, maintained streets, curb appeal, manicured

#### **Peaceful**

auiet. restful

#### Safe

law enforcement, well-lit







Survey Results of the

# Visual Character Preference

Collected June 2 though August 11, 2014

#### Survey Procedure

- Participants reviewed 63 images of streets, plazas, landscape schemes, and public spaces from Tempe as well as other places around the United States.
- The images were labeled with a number which corresponded to a survey sheet.
- Participants ranked the image 1-5 (5 being most desirable and 1 being least desirable).
- The survey also included space after each image for additional comments explaining what was liked or disliked.



The image above, "Multi-Family Design" scored the lowest of all images averaging 1.73



#### VISUAL CHARACTER PREFERENCE

The ranking for each image was selected by participants in the survey. Those images in the TOP 25 will be instrumental in developing the Character Area Plan. Images that ranked the lowest will also be noted as indications of what is not desired within the Character Area.

Top Rankings Based On Average Response Score:

	Rank	Image #	Avg. Score
	1	7	4.79
	2	20	4.65
	3	21	4.49
	4	58	4.48
	5	29	4.47
	6	59	4.44
1	7	10	4.43
	8	8	4.42
	9	5	4.26
	10	25	4.23
	11	9	4.21
	12	18	4.16
	13	34	4.14
	14	13	4.13
	15	23	4.07
	16	35	4.07
	17	16	4.05
	18	36	4.04
	19	57	4.00
	20	24	3.96
	21	26	3.93
	22	3	3.89
	23	41	3.89
	24	2	3.86
	25	17	3.84



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# TOP-RATED











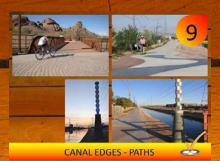














# **LOWEST RATED**











CHARACTER AREA 8



# WORKSHOP ACTIVITY - PROJECT PRIORITIES



PROJECT / ITEM list developed from the GAPS identified.



The top projects are listed as TIER 1, 2 and 3 as important elements to address in the plan with indications of relative cost, time, stakeholders, special considerations and notes.



TIER 2 = 5 to 9 votes

TIER 3 = 1 to 4 votes



## WORKSHOP ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Facilitated Round-Table Discussion 60 mins.
  - Consensus on Tiers
  - Anything important that was missed
- 2. Note changes on poster
  - Post-It® stickies™ provided





3. Display poster on wall for viewing



# NEXT STEPS

- CONSOLIDATING COMMENTS INTO CHARACTER AREA PLAN
- PRESENT PLAN IN OCTOBER
- SURVEY FOR COMMENTS.

# WRAP-UP

- UPCOMING MEETINGS
- tempe.gov/characterareas





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DRAFT PLAN REVIEW + FEEDBACK

Monday, 20 October 2014 6:30PM AZ Community Church

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CHARACTER PLAN RELEASE

December 2014 T.B.D.

PUBLIC MEETINGS



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TIME REMAINING:

# 30 MINUTES







TIME REMAINING:

# 15 MINUTES









TIME REMAINING:

# 5 MINUTES



